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1. DURING JAN 27 CONVERSATION WITH QATARI MINISTER OF FINANCE
AND PETROLEUM, SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI,
WHO VISITED CAIRO JAN 24, AMBASSADOR ASKED ABDUL AZIZ FOR HIS
VIEW OF EGYPTIAN SITUATION.

2. ABDUL AZIZ RESPONDED THAT RIOTS HAD NOT BEEN SO BAD AS
THEY WERE PORTRAYED BY MEDIA, AND THAT SITUATION WAS UNDER FIRM
CONTROL WITH GOE'S SECURITY FORCES EFFICIENTLY ROUNDING UP
SUBVERSIVES WHO HAD EXPLOITED TURMOIL.

3. ABDUL AZIZ TOOK SAME LINE HE HAD ESPOUSED IN PUBLIC ON
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BEHALF OF GOQ, I.E. THAT EGYPT WAS WORTHY OF ALL AID FROM ITS
ARAB BRETHREN. ABDUL AZIZ REMARKED THAT HUNGER FACED EGYPT'S
MASSES, AND ALTERNATIVES TO GENEROUS ASSISTANCE WERE INDEED
STARK.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, ABDUL AZIZ SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO
RPT NO SPECIFIC REQUEST FROM SADAT FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

DURING THEIR MEETING, NOR WERE THERE TO HIS KNOWLEDGE ANY
PLANS FOR SPECIAL EGYPTIAN FUND-RAISING MISSION TO GULF.

5. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, ALSO ON JAN 27, AMIR'S OFFICE
DIRECTOR AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION ISSA AL KAWARI WAS
SOMEWHAT LESS SYMPATHETIC. HE SAID EGYPTIAN MEDIA'S SCOLDING
OF OTHER ARABS FOR FALLING SHORT OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO EGYPT
HAD BEEN OVERDONE. HE ASSERTED THAT GOQ AND OTHER AFFLUENT ARABS
HAD CONTRIBUTED HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS AND WERE PREPARED TO DO
MORE, BUT THEY COULD DO WITHOUT CHIDING FROM EGYPTIAN PRESS.

6. COMMENT: ABDUL AZIZ'S SENTIMENTS ARE MORE REFLECTIVE OF
VIEWS OF AMIR.
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